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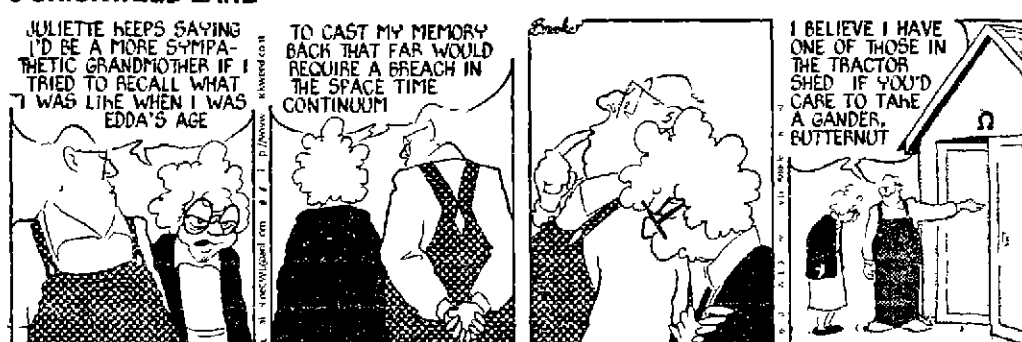
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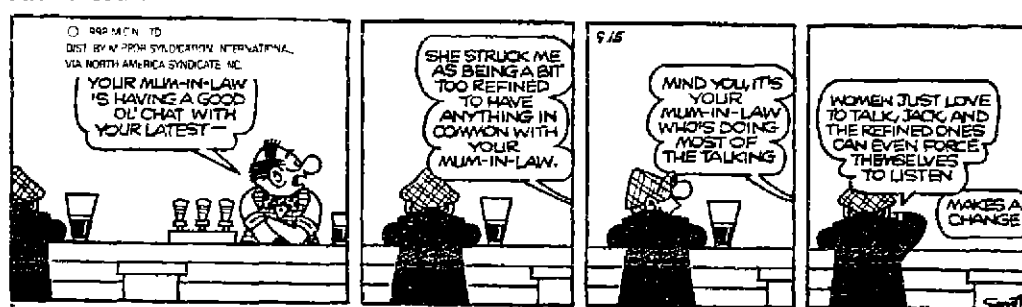
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



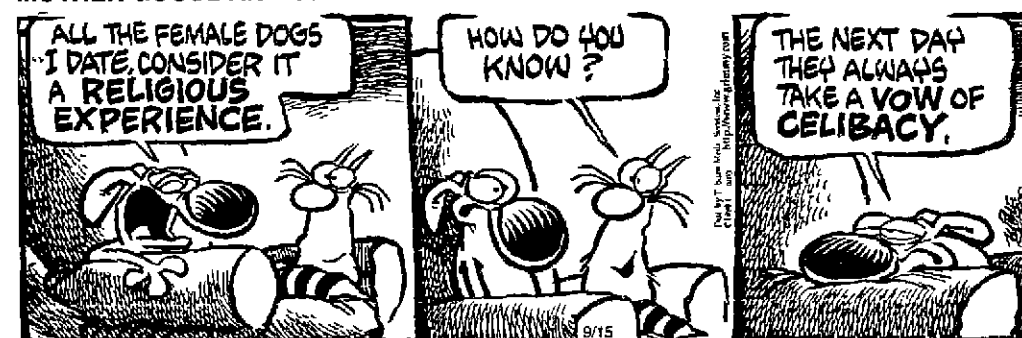
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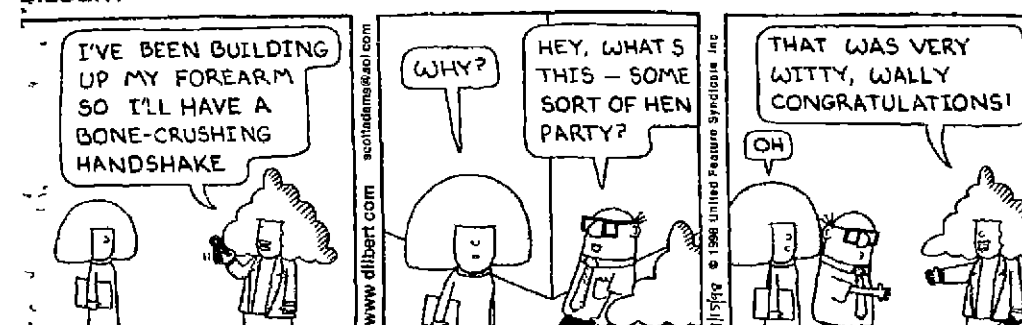
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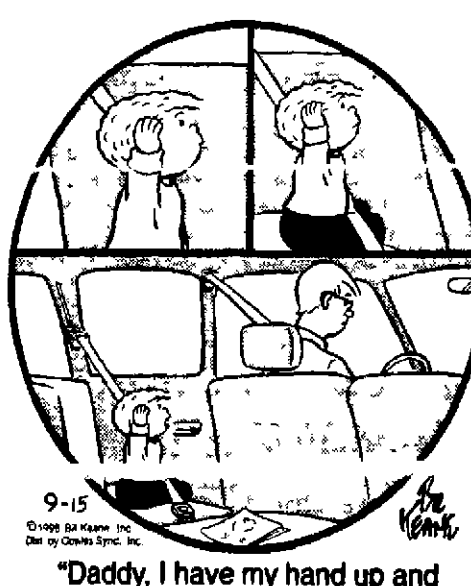
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



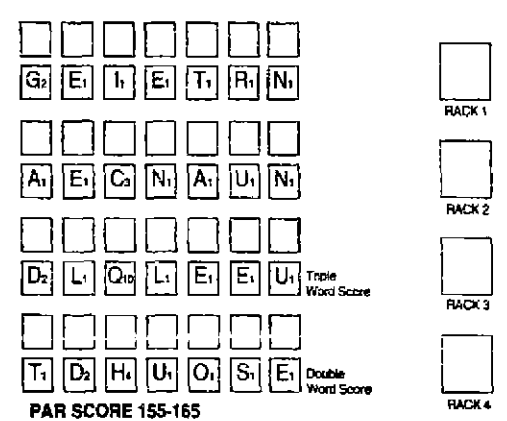
Today's Birthdays

Singer-pianist **Robb** Short is 74. Comedian **Norm Crosby** is 71. Actor **Henry Darrow** is 65. Baseball Hall of Famer **Gaylord Perry** is 60. Football Hall of Famer **Merlin Olsen** is 58. Opera singer **Jessye Norman** is 53. Rock musician **Lee Dorman** (Iron Butterfly) is 53. Actor **Tommy Lee Jones** is 52. Movie director **Oliver Stone** is 52. Football quarterback **Dan Marino** is 37. Britain's Prince **Henry of Wales** is 14.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-15-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Square—



Mondan's unlisted clue BULLET

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: FOOD SERVED AT ONE SITTING

Away	Inch	Root	Toed
Dance	Knot	Sail	Wave
Deal	Measure	Shaped	Yard
Foot	Rigged	Shooter	

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

When the Gods of Distribution inflate the values of each side's high-card content, one is well advised to avoid a trigger-happy double. Experienced players recognize the vagaries of inflated values and tend to bid "once more" in all close situations. If the decision proves wrong, they will have lost a small swing. If they double and it backfires, the swing will be a hefty one. At one table in a team game, South doubled four spades because he had two aces. These, coupled with partner's opening bid, would normally suffice to ensure a positive result. Unfortunately in this deal it was not to be. East's heart void proved disastrous for the defenders, and West made his contract easily, losing only two diamonds and one club. At the other table, one of the top pairs of the Philadelphia metropolis bid the hand as shown. Partnered with Norm Rosen (North), Susan Abrams (South) refused to double four spades and bought insurance by bidding five clubs. West doubled hungrily and North naturally took a preference to five hearts. This was met with another hungry double, but Susan made her game easily, despite the 4-0 trump break. She ruffed the opening spade lead and cashed dummy's trump ace, switching to diamonds when East discarded. After she cashed the ace and king and conceded a diamond, only one club trick remained for the defense. After ruffing dummy's last spade, Susan drew West's trumps and claimed the remainder for a huge IMP swing.

NORTH 09-15 A

7 2
A K Q J
K 9 5 3 2
9 7

WEST EAST
A K J 10 Q 9 8 6 5 4 3
7 6 5 3 J 8 4
Q 10 J 8 6 4
K Q 10 8 6 4

SOUTH
10 9 8 4 2
A 7 6
J 5 3 2

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: North

The bidding
North East South West
1 Pass 1 Pass 1 Pass 1 Pass
2 Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass
3 Pass 3 Pass 3 Pass 3 Pass
4 Pass 4 Pass 4 Pass 4 Pass

Opening lead: Spade king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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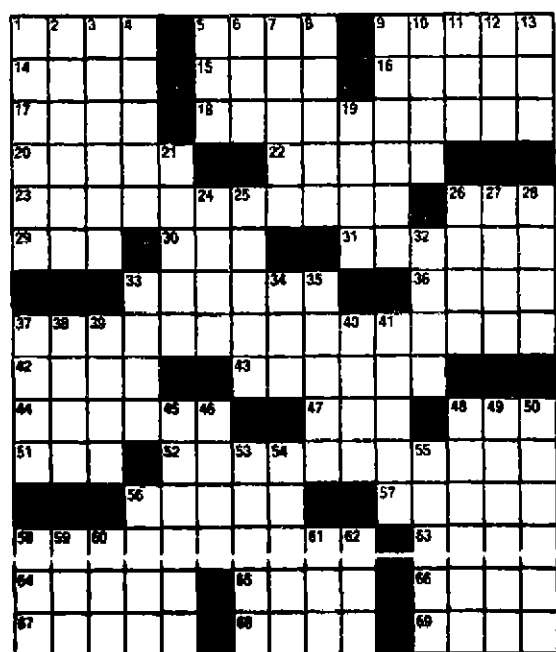
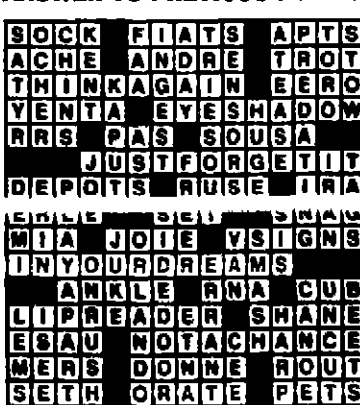
ACROSS

- Swiss peaks
- Sea that's really a lake
- Morley of CBS
- Tip seller
- Paying passenger
- Florida city
- Poe writing
- Washington suburb
- Mythical strongman
- Family girl
- A few coins, in slang
- Tempe sch
- Cool once
- Mil address
- Botanist Mendel
- Perfumes

DOWN

- Like higher-priced beef
- You can't enjoy this if you've lost your marbles
- Ages and ages
- Dorm room staple
- Crackpot
- Was first
- Ring org
- Marians and such
- Detective with a large family
- Check (out)
- Sturm und
- Dog restraint
- Choir voice
- Poisoned, for instance
- Wee in brief
- Arldor
- All tucked out
- Female VIP
- Humorist Bombeck
- Glue (to)
- Detest
- Pilot's maneuver
- Kind of cleaning
- Steelers org
- Stadium cheer
- Venue for 48-Across
- "Deathtrap" playwright
- World Cup game
- Pine (for)
- Org that keeps on growing
- Golfier Ernie
- Actress Dawn Chong
- Safecracker
- Bowler's feat
- Neval noncoms
- Realtors' sales
- Pulitzer winner James
- Catch the wind under one's
- Cemetery sights
- Nevada county or its seat
- Years, to Caesar
- Do something
- Beach souvenir
- Arrived

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Janet R. Bender

- Greenhouse effect?
- Physics particles
- "— saw Elba"
- Gave up
- One way to foreigner
- Ingredient Abbr
- Capt Ahab or his ship
- Big name in paperback publishing
- Neighbor of Zambia
- Plant pest
- Gauche's rope
- Mania
- Modern records
- Turning point?
- Keats's "— to Psyche"
- Political subject

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